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SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI :—" കലക്ടരുടെ റിപ്പോർട്ടിൽ പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുള്ള സംഗതികളെ സംബന്ധിച്ചു ഗവമ്മേണ്ട് വല്ല നടപടിയും എടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടോ ? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" Probably the hon. Member wants to know whether the Government have taken any action on the report of the Collector."

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—
" Such action as was found necessary is being taken, Sir."

Expulsion of an expectant mother from the Government Hospital, Tellicherry.

* 313 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that a woman named Ammini—an expectant mother—was admitted in the Government Hospital, Tellicherry on 10th August 1953 and was driven out of the hospital on the 19th and that the next day she died in her house at Palayad with labour pains unattended;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that another woman was admitted in the hospital simultaneously with the expulsion of Ammini; and

(*c*) whether the Government have received any representation or report from the public touching this incident, and if so, what has been done?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) It is a fact that a pregnant woman (8 months) by name Ammini was admitted in the Government hospital, Tellicherry, on 10th August 1953 for treatment for glossitis and oedima of lower extremities. It is not correct to say that she was driven out of the hospital. She was discharged from the hospital after a week's treatment on 19th August 1953 at her own request, as she wanted to celebrate the Onam festival and come back for treatment after the festival was over. She was very much better after the treatment in the hospital. It is learnt that she died on the date subsequent to the day of her discharge from the hospital. The Government are not aware of the circumstances under which the patient died.

" (*b*) No, Sir.

" (*c*) Yes, Sir. A thorough enquiry into the case was made, but nobody can be blamed for the incident, as the treatment given to the patient in the hospital was fully adequate and as she was much better after the treatment and as her discharge from the hospital was made at her own request."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" May I know the nature of the enquiry that was made and whether it is not a fact that not even the husband and child of the deceased were asked a word about these happenings by the Committee or whoever it is that might have conducted the enquiry."

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The District Medical Officer has personally enquired into the matter and he has also recorded the statement of the lady Assistant Surgeon who treated the patient."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" Shall I take it as a typical instance of white-washing by the Government? There has been such a considerable amount of agitation in the place on account of this incident. Is there any difference between discharge and driving out of the patient from a hospital? May I know whether any compensation was given to the family of the deceased and whether the Government will go into the case very carefully? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" My information is that she went out of the hospital at her own request along with some other patients who similarly wanted to avail themselves of the opportunity to celebrate the Onam festival in their own homes."

Flood relief in Malabar.

10 a.m. * 314 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to give full details of the extent of damage suffered by Malabar on account of July floods and the nature and extent of relief granted by the Government?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The answer [a] is placed on the table of the House."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" From the answer placed on the table of the House, it is found that about 2,500 acres of land were damaged and that the loss of paddy was about 600 tons. But in the relief granted, nothing is mentioned about revenue remission. May I know whether the Hon. the Minister is in a position to state whether any remission of land revenue was granted on this account and, if so, what amount? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" A separate question may be put."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Apart from the relief to ryots, the Hon. the Minister had been plied with various representations regarding revenue remission. May I know whether those cases also were taken into account and relief was provided? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The latest request of the hon. Member is partially conceded."

Hospital Advisory Committees in Malabar.

* 315 *Q.*—SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the names of medical institutions in Malabar district where Hospital Advisory Committees have been formed and are functioning; and

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[a] Printed as Appendix IV on pages 179–180 *infra*.